REMARKS

This submission is in response to the Final Rejection dated November 27, 2007, and is filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

Applicant has amended claims 1, 27, 28 and 56 to recite the invention with more particularity. Support for the amendments herein is found in the specification at least in paragraphs [0017] and [0021] in view of FIG. 3. Applicant respectfully submits that no new subject matter has been added via the amendments set forth herein.

Claims 1, 27, 28 ad 56 have been amended. Claims 21, 48, 57-60 and 63 were additionally canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. New claim 68 has been added. Consequently, claims 1-9, 11-18, 20, 24-31, 33, 35, 36, 38, 40, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49-56, 61, 62 and 64-68 are pending in this application.

§ 103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1-9, 11-18, 20, 20-21, 24-31, 33, 35, 36, 38, 40, 41, 43, 45, 47-54 and 56-67 were rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as unpatentable over Eudora ("E-mail attachments in Eudora: How to be a Super Sender") in view of Gangadharan (U.S. Pub. No. 2003/0132927).

Eudora is directed to an email program enabling the sending of attachments with an email. To send an attachment with an email message, the user selects "Attach Document" from a message menu, which opens a dialog box. The user selects a file in the dialog box and clicks on the "Attach" button in the dialog box. The name of the document thereafter appears in the "X-Attachments" field in the email message header.

Gangadharan is directed to transferring of multiple files between a web server and a web enabled device using a drag and drop interface. To transfer files from the web enabled device to

the web server, the user selects all of the files on the web-enabled device and then drags the files from the web-enabled device to a specified location of the web site hosted by the web server.

Claims 1-9, 11-18, 20 and 24-26

In traversing the rejection of independent claim 1, Applicant respectfully submits that the Eudora-Gangadharan combination fails to teach or suggest "a web-based email system...comprising a graphical user interface (GUI)...the GUI comprising...a list to display selected one or more files to attach, the list including the user-selected file," as particularly recited in claim 1.

The above-recited feature is illustrated as list 42 in the GUI of FIG. 3, in which user-selected files are displayed before being attached. The Eudora-Gangadharan combination fails to teach or suggest displaying a list of files to be attached. Specifically, Eudora enables the user to select a file in a dialog box and upon the user clicking on the "Attach" button in the dialog box, the name of the selected file appears in the email message. Thus, Eudora does not display a list of selected files to attach.

Gangadharan does not rectify this deficiency in Eudora. Gangadharan's drag and drop interface provides the user with the ability to select files on a web-enabled device, then drag the selected files from the web-enabled device and drop the files onto a specified location of the web site hosted by the web server. In FIGS. 3A-3C, Gangadharan illustrates the current state of the art of transferring email attachments from a web-enabled device to a web server. This recitation does not display a list of the selected files to attach, as in 1. Although Gangadharan does not explicitly describe how the drag and drop interface attaches the selected files to an email message of a web-based email client, Gangadharan does describe in par. [0028] that the selected files that are dropped onto a specified location of a website are transferred to the web server that hosts the website. (See Gangadharan, FIG.1, nos. 104, 110). Thus, Gangadharan does not display a list of the selected files to attach, as in claim 1.

Consequently, the Eudora-Gangadharan combination fails to teach or suggest "a web-based email system...comprising a graphical user interface (GUI)...the GUI comprising...a list to display selected one or more files to attach, the list including the user-selected file," as particularly recited in claim 1.

In further traversing the rejection of independent claim 1, Applicant respectfully submits that the Eudora-Gangadharan combination fails to teach or suggest "a web-based email system...comprising a graphical user interface (GUI)...the GUI comprising...a second user-selectable button having associated text that includes an imperative for "attach", wherein in response to selection of the second user-selectable button the one more files displayed in the list are attached to the email message for subsequent electronic transfer," as particularly recited in claim 1.

Eudora enables the user to select a file in a dialog box and upon the user clicking on the "Attach" button in the dialog box, the name of the selected file appears in the email message. Because Eudora does not teach or suggest displaying a list of selected files to attach, it further does not teach a second user-selectable button to attach to the email message the files displayed in the list. Rather, Eudora's attach button is in the dialog box that enables the selection of a file and the attachment of the selected file via the attach button. Gangadharan does not rectify this deficiency in Eudora. More specifically, Gangadharan's drag and drop interface does not teach or suggest a list to display selected files to attach and a second user-selectable button to attach to the email message the files displayed in the list.

Consequently, the Eudora-Gangadharan combination fails to teach or suggest "a web-based email system...comprising a graphical user interface (GUI)...the GUI comprising...a second user-selectable button having associated text that includes an imperative for "attach", wherein in response to selection of the second user-selectable button the one more files displayed in the list are attached to the email message for subsequent electronic transfer," as particularly recited in claims 1.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejection pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) of independent claim 1. Applicant further respectfully

requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejection of dependent claims 2-9, 11-18, 20 and 24-26, based at least on their dependencies, whether direct or indirect, from the independent claim 1.

Claim 27

In traversing the rejection of independent claim 27, Applicant respectfully submits that the Eudora-Gangadharan combination fails to teach or suggest "a web-based email system…comprising a graphical user interface (GUI)…the GUI comprising…*a list to display selected one or more files to attach,* the list including the selected file, and a *second user-selectable button* having text therein that includes "Attach Files", the second user-selectable button *to initiate attaching to an email message the selected one or more files displayed* in the list for subsequent electronic transfer," as particularly recited in claim 27. (emphasis added)

The Eudora-Gangadharan combination fails to teach or suggest displaying a list of files to be attached. Specifically, Eudora enables the user to select a file in a dialog box and upon the user clicking on the "Attach" button in the dialog box, the name of the selected file appears in the email message. Thus, Eudora does not display a list of selected files to attach. Gangadharan does not rectify this deficiency in Eudora. Gangadharan's drag and drop interface transfers the files that are drag-and-dropped onto a specified location of a web site to a web server that hosts the website. Thus, Gangadharan does not display a list of the selected files to attach.

The Eudora-Gangadharan combination further fails to teach or suggest a second user-selectable button to initiate attaching to the email message the selected one or more files that are displayed in the list. Because Eudora does not teach or suggest displaying a list of selected files to attach, it further does not teach a second user-selectable button to attach to the email message the files displayed in the list. Gangadharan does not rectify this deficiency in Eudora. Because Gangadharan's drag and drop interface does not teach or suggest a list to display the selected files to attach, it also does not teach a second user-selectable button to attach to the email message the files displayed in the list.

Consequently, the Eudora-Gangadharan combination fails to teach or suggest "a web-based email system...comprising a graphical user interface (GUI)...the GUI comprising...a list to display selected one or more files to attach, the list including the selected file, and a second user- selectable button having text therein that includes "Attach Files", the second user-selectable button to initiate attaching to an email message the selected one or more files displayed in the list for subsequent electronic transfer," as particularly recited in claim 27.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejection pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) of independent claim 27.

Claims 28-31, 33, 35, 36, 38, 40, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49-55

In traversing the rejection of independent claim 28, Applicant respectfully submits that the Eudora-Gangadharan combination fails to teach or suggest "a method of electronically transferring comprising...displaying a list of one or more files to attach, the list including the selected file, providing a second user-selectable button ... and in response to receiving a user selection of the second user-selectable button, uploading the one or more files displayed in the list to the email web server for subsequent electronic transfer," as particularly recited in claim 28.

The Eudora-Gangadharan combination fails to teach or suggest displaying a list of files to attach. Specifically, Eudora enables the user to select a file in a dialog box and upon the user clicking on the "Attach" button in the dialog box, the name of the selected file appears in the email message. Thus, Eudora does not display a list of selected files to attach. Gangadharan does not rectify this deficiency in Eudora. Gangadharan's drag and drop interface transfers the files that are drag-and-dropped onto a specified location of a web site to a web server that hosts the website. Thus, Gangadharan does not display a list of the selected files to attach.

The Eudora-Gangadharan combination further fails to teach or suggest providing a second user-selectable button and in response to receiving a user selection of the second user-selectable button, uploading the one or more files displayed in the list. Because Eudora does not

teach or suggest displaying a list of selected files to attach, it further does not teach or suggest providing a second user selectable button and uploading the one or more files displayed in the list in response to receiving a user selection of the second user-selectable button. Gangadharan does not rectify this deficiency in Eudora. Because Gangadharan's drag and drop interface does not teach or suggest displaying a list of selected files to attach, it further does not teach or suggest providing a second user selectable button and uploading the one or more files displayed in the list in response to receiving a user selection of the second user-selectable button.

Consequently, the Eudora-Gangadharan combination fails to teach or suggest "a method of electronically transferring comprising…displaying a list of one or more files to attach, the list including the selected file, providing a second user-selectable button … and in response to receiving a user selection of the second user-selectable button, uploading the one or more files displayed in the list to the email web server for subsequent electronic transfer," as particularly recited in claim 28.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejection pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) of independent claim 28. Applicant further respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejection of dependent claims 29-31, 33, 35, 36, 38, 40, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49-55, based at least on their dependencies, whether direct or indirect, from the independent claim 28.

Claims 56, 61, 62 and 64-68

In traversing the rejection of independent claim 56, Applicant respectfully submits that the Eudora-Gangadharan combination fails to teach or suggest instructions causing the machine to…display a list of one or more files to attach to the electronic message, the list including the received at least one file selected (using the GUI element), to provide a second user-selectable button having associated text that includes an imperative for "attach" via the GUI, and in response to receiving a user selection of the second user-selectable button, attach the displayed one or more files in the list to the electronic message, as in claim 56.

The Eudora-Gangadharan combination fails to teach or suggest instructions causing the machine to display a list of files to attach. Specifically, Eudora enables the user to select a file in a dialog box and upon the user clicking on the "Attach" button in the dialog box, the name of the selected file appears in the email message. Thus, Eudora does not display a list of selected files to attach. Gangadharan does not rectify this deficiency in Eudora. Gangadharan's drag and drop interface transfers the files that are drag-and-dropped onto a specified location of a web site to a web server that hosts the website. Thus, Gangadharan does not display a list of the selected files to attach.

The Eudora-Gangadharan combination further fails to teach or suggest instructions causing the machine to provide a second user-selectable button and in response to receiving a user selection of the second user-selectable button to attach the one or more files displayed in the list. Because Eudora does not teach or suggest displaying a list of selected files to attach, it further does not teach or suggest providing a second user selectable button and uploading the one or more files displayed in the list in response to receiving a user selection of the second user-selectable button. Gangadharan does not rectify this deficiency in Eudora. Because Gangadharan's drag and drop interface does not teach or suggest displaying a list of selected files to attach, it further does not teach or suggest providing a second user selectable button and uploading the one or more files displayed in the list in response to receiving a user selection of the second user-selectable button.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejection pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) of independent claim 56. Applicant further respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejection of dependent claims, 61, 62 and 64-68, based at least on their dependencies, whether direct or indirect, from the independent claim 56.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has pointed out specific features of the claims not disclosed, suggested, or rendered obvious by the references applied in the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the objections and rejections, as well as an indication of the allowability of each of the pending claims.
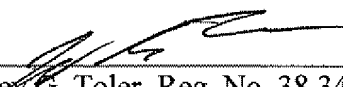
Any changes to the claims in this amendment, which have not been specifically noted to overcome a rejection based upon the prior art, should be considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below if such a call would in any way facilitate allowance of this application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-2469.

Respectfully submitted,

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